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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2001, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1, 7-16, 36 and 37, drawn to peptides, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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